(c) whether Government have accepted any proposal for declaring National Highways in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the length of Highways declared during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to paurity of funds and continued resource crunch, it has not been possible to add any new national highway in Gujarat. A length of 609 kms has been added to the national highway network during the 8th Plan period in the country.

Expansion of Kandla Port

526. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a plan for the expansion of Kandla Port and sanctioned 30 jetties in its expansion programme;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that only 8 jetties have been build so far against the 30 jetties sanctioned;

(c) the reasons for not taking up the work of remaining jetties; and

(d) the time required for the completion of the work of jetties at the Port?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (d) Kandla Port Trust has prepared a Perspective Master Plan of Kandla Port for development upto the year 2020 A.D. The port has constructed 7 cargo berths and 4 Nos. Oil jetties. In addition, 2 Virtual jetties have been constructed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, and M/s. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited are constructing a captive liquid jetty. Contract for 8th cargo berth has been awarded. Tenders for 9th and 10th cargo berths have been issued. Construction of more cargo berths and more oil jetties would depend upon the requirement.

Scheme For Privatisation of Port Development

527. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to encourage the setting up of port based captive power projects by private sector;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines are a part of the scheme relating to privatisation of port development;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Government has issued guidelines for private sector participation in port projects which include guidelines further setting up of captive power plants.

(c) Salient features are as under:—

(i) The need for the project will be assessed by the Port.

(ii) Guidelines of Ministry of Power and other authorities like Central Electricity Authority/State Electricity Board etc. have to be followed and clearance, if any, obtained.

(iii) Open tenders will be invited with the stipulation that modern machinery/technology will be installed and in new condition.

(iv) Bids will be invited based on two-cover system consisting of technical and financial bids. Financial bids of only those bidders will be opened who have been technically qualified.

(v) The private sector participation would be on BOT basis with a [illegible] to be decided by the Port Trust in each case with a